PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For:

CONVERSION OF CONTIGUOUS CONCATENATION TO VIRTUAL

CONCATENATION IN A SYNCHRONOUS DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading -- Background of the Invention --.

line 3 (not including the title or paragraph spacing), delete "as set forth in the

preamble of claim 1".

line 5, delete "as set forth in the preamble of claim 5".

line 6-7, delete "as set forth in the preamble of claim 6" and insert - for

transmitting user data over a synchronous digital communication network--.

Page 3, after line 23, insert the heading --Summary of the Invention--.